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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 26-50 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 September 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/8/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 37 and 44 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 37 at line 14, "this region" should read --said region--; at line 23, "its" is vague.

In claim 44 at line 12, "this region" should read --said region--; at line 19, "its" is vague.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 26-50 are allowed over the prior art.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Barnea (US 5233990) teaches a device, a computer program or controller for performing and verifying therapeutic irradiation, having a radiation source for a high-energy beam and means for modulating the high-energy beam on a gantry of an irradiation device, wherein, for verification, a radiation source of an X-ray beam is disposed on a side of a target volume opposite to the radiation source for the high-energy beam such that a direction of the X-ray beam is substantially opposite to a direction of the high-energy beam, wherein a medium for detecting the X-ray beam and for detecting the high-energy beam is disposed between the radiation source for the high energy beam and the target volume the medium being designed to detect region of different radiation doses of the high-energy beam, the device also having a controller

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connected to the medium for detecting the high-energy and X-ray beams, to the modulating means for the high-energy beam, to a drive for adjusting a position of a patient table, and to the radiation sources for the X-ray and high-energy beams, wherein the controller can be loaded with a treatment plan to control the device however, fails to teach means for detecting an anatomy and a position of the patient in a region of the target volume with the x-ray beam and means for detecting at least one partial region of the target volume including an immediate vicinity thereof using the x-ray beam during an irradiation pause of the high energy beam as claimed in independent claims 26, 37 and 44.

Conclusion

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Claim objections above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoon Song whose telephone number is (571) 272-2494. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5 PM, Monday - Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Glick can be reached on (571) 272 - 2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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